(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no such plan at present.

Gauge conversion projects

1430. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have undertaken gauge conversion projects on a large scale;

(b) what are the sections taken up for conversion; and

(c) which are the sections already opened for traffic and sections on which work is in progress?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The sections converted into BG since 1992-93 when Projects Unigauge was launched till date and sections on which gauge conversion works are in progress are as under:

Sections already converted

1992-93

1. Lucknow-Kanpur
2. Delhi-Rewari
3. Kotkapur-Fazilka
4. Lalgarh-Merta Road
5. Lalgarh-Kolayat
6. Nadiad-Kapadvanj
7. Swaimadhopur-Jaipur
8. Bangalore-Tumkur
9. Mysore-Bangalore
10. Bangalore-Yelahanka
11. Guntur-Narsaraopet
12. Dindigul-Tuticorin
13. Bellary-Rayadurg
14. Aurangabad-Jalna
15. Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath
16. Burhwal-Mehmoodabad
17. Mankapur-Katra
18. Purulia-Kotshila

1993-94

1. Daund-Baramati
2. Bathinda-Hissar
3. Phulera-Jodhpur-Bhagat-Ki-Kothi
4. Patel Nagar-Sarai rohilla
5. Merta Rd.-Merta City
6. Mehmoodabad-Sitapur
7. Varanasi-Allahabad
8. Lucknow-Manaknagar
9. Lalkuan-Kathgodam
10. Guwahati-Lumding
11. Tumkur-Chikjajur
12. Chikjajur-Chitradurg
13. Mysore-Ashokapuram
14. Madras Beach-Tambaram
15. Narsaraopet-Donakonda
16. Jalna-Prabhani
17. Falaknuma-Secunderabad
18. Bolarum-Secunderabad
19. Falaknuma-Mehmoobnagar
20. Gondia-Arjuni
21. Jaipur-Phulera
22. Jaipur-Durgapur

1994-95

1. Prabani-Purna
2. Arjuni-Wadsa
3. Chikjajur-Chitradurg
4. Hissar-Rewari
5. Rewari-Jaipur
6. Birur-Shimoga

7. Chikjajur-Harihar
8. Donakonda-Giddalaur
9. Miraj-Belgaum
10. Champarmukh-Haibargaon
11. Jodhpur-Jaisalmer
12. Muzaffarpur-Raxaul

Works are in progress on the following sections:—

(a) *To be completed by* 31-3-95

1. Hubli-Londa
2. Harihar-Hubli
3. Hubli-Gadag
4. Phulera-Ajmer
5. Khodiyar-Mahexana
6. Purna-Nanded
7. Lumding-Dimapur

(b) *Other works in progress*

1. Miraj-Latur
2. Jodhpur-Marwar
3. Viramgam-Mahesana
4. Dimapur-Dibrugarh
5. Chhapra-Aunrihar
6. Samastipur-Darbhanga
7. Saga-uli-Narkatiaganj
8. Gadag-Sholapur
9. Wadsa-Chandafort
10. Trichy-Dindigul
11. Giddalur-Guntakal
12. Mehboobnagar-Dronachallam
13. Purna-Mudkhed
14. Hospet-Swamihili
15. *Guda Road-Kottur*
16. Londa-Vasco
17. Hospet-Gadag

(c) *Gauge conversion works included in* 1995-96 *Budget*

1. Agra-Bandikui BOLT
2. Gandhidham-Bhuj
3. Wankaner-Maliya-Miana BOLT
4. Mathura-Achnera BOLT
5. Narkatiaganj-Bagaha Valmikinagar
6. Khada-Gorakhpur
7. Mysore-Hassan
8. Yashwantpur-Salem
9. Trichy-Nagore-Karaikal
10. Rupsa-Bangriposi

(d) *Gauge conversion works temporarily frozen due to low priority*

1. Bhildi-Samdari
2. Samdari-Luni
3. Mahesana-Patan
4. Lalkua-Kashipur

Introduction of New EMU trains on Delhi-Saharanpur-Moradabad sectors

1431. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railway has introduced new EMU (Push-pull rake) trains on Delhi|New Delhi Saharanpur and Delhi-Ghaziabad Moradabad sections in the recent past replacing the conventional trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with departure and arrival timings of each train in up and down directions, including the categories of compartments provided in each train;

(c) whether introduction of these trains would benefit the passenger in any way;

(d) if so, the details thereof, with the estimated cost of each trains;